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SUBJ: PCP ELECTORAL CANDIDATES

1. PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) RELEASED ITS LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS ON MARCH 3 VIA A PRESS CONFERENCE AND A SPECIAL EDITION OF PARTY NEWSPAPER "AVANTE." DURING REMARKS AT PRESS CONFERENCE, COMMUNISTS COMMENTED THAT HOLDING OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IS HISTORICAL EVENT, THAT ELECTIONS HAVE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE AND WILL HAVE GREAT REPERCUSSIONS IN PORTUGUESE POLITICAL LIFE. COMMUNISTS ALSO ANNOUNCED, AS WAS EXPECTED, THAT PARTY WOULD FIELD CANDIDATES IN ALL DISTRICTS OF CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL AND ADJACENT ISLANDS, A TOTAL OF 247.
2. REGARDING MAKE UP OF PCP ELECTORAL LIST, COMMUNIQUE GAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOLLOWING STATISTICS ON SOCIAL STATUS OF DELEGATES: 85 INDUSTRIAL

WORKERS, 49 OFFICE WORKERS, 10 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, 62 INTELLECTUALS, 8 STUDENTS, 6 SMALL AND MEDIUM SHOP OWNERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS AND 2 UNCLASSIFIED BY PROFESSION. THIRTY-SEVEN OF CANDIDATES ARE WOMEN, 58 ARE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE, 141 ARE BETWEEN 31 AND 50 YEARS OF AGE. YOUNGEST CANDIDATE IS 21 AND OLDEST 74. SOME OF CANDIDATES ARE CATHOLICS AND MANY CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED, FOR A TOTAL OF 440 COLLECTIVE YEARS.

3. IN RECENT PAST, PCP HAD SAID THAT IT WOULD "QUESTION" RESULTS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF COUNTRY, SUCH AS CONSERVATIVE STRONGHOLD OF VISEU, AND EMIGRANT VOTES COMING FROM AREAS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN NO REAL OPPORTUNITY TO CAMPAIGN. MAR 3 COMMUNIQUE REVERSED THIS POSITION BY ANNOUNCING THAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS SIMPLY DECIDED NOT TO RUN CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED BY EMIGRANTS.

4. COMMENT: EMPHASIS BY PCP ON WORKER MAKEUP OF CANDIDATE LIST FULLY EXPECTED. THEIR HIGHLIGHTING AGE RANGE OF CANDIDATES PROBABLY IN ANSWER TO CRITICISM FROM IN AND OUT OF PARTY THAT LEADERSHIP PREDOMINANTLY OLD MEN AND WOMEN. FULL LIST OF PCP AND OTHER MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATES FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.

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